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ADVANTAGES OF ONLINE LEARNING: EDUCATION WITHOUT LEAVING HOME

Problems that arise in educational institutions – budget cuts, the immutability of the level of education or absence of some specialties – leads to a loss of interest on the part of students to traditional education. Therefore, there is a need to find new, alternative learning methods that would allow them to acquire an appropriate level of knowledge and to master any profession without significant obstacles. That is why online training is gaining momentum today, its ratings are constantly growing, and popularization expands the range of users.

Online Learning is referred to by many names—E-Learning, Blended Learning, Mobile Learning, MOOC, Online Education or Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) and distance learning – a way of studying, especially for a degree, where you study mostly at home, receiving and sending off work by post or over the Internet [1, c. 246].

Online Learning has its own complexity and peculiarities, but it has the advantages that can make a revolution in modern education and in our understanding of it.

Newer education offers a variety of courses and programs on the Internet according to age, preferences, and future profession. However, you can take courses for personal development or gain any educational level online.

A wide range of courses – from programming to drawing – makes online learning more popular. There is an opportunity to take an online course for any purpose, even not related to the future profession. Thus, the student can learn everything he wants by simply clicking a few letters on his gadget.

Online learning is very convenient. You can safely listen to lectures on online platforms, even in bed, and uncomfortable chairs in classrooms will no longer influence your mood and health. Your schedule will no longer include physical activities, but you can even study in pajamas.

Education will not be a problem that demands your time taken from your family or friends, makes you stop working or quit your favorite activities. You no longer have to spend time commuting to the University, you can plan your time to study in any way: anything that took your time before will no longer be a problem.

The ease and flexibility of online learning help balance your time so that you can master the course quickly and at a high level. All these benefits give you the opportunity to study in your spare time, and not vice versa.

It is possible to get the necessary materials for study at any time, even at night. There is no need to go to the library because all the books are in electronic format, moreover, there are audio books that can be listened at any time, even during some kind of housework.

An independent learning system helps you to determine the right priorities of the day and fight your procrastination – because without the effort the course will fail. We need a desire to study and then a student becomes a master of his business.

Regardless of where you live, whether at home or on the go, wherever you have access to the Internet, you can safely master the program or review the performances of prominent scientific lecturers from all over the world.

Uncertainty disappears and concentration increases. Internet platforms give courageous and confident students the opportunity to discuss issues on a variety of topics without fear, as fears of public speaking disappear, unlike, for example, in large classrooms with many students. Due to the lack of noise generated by the excessive activity of students in traditional classroom education, students have better concentration and are ready to absorb the necessary material quickly.

The student gets more knowledge, becomes more skillful in the technical environment: even the simplest online program requires some necessary computer skills since modern Internet platforms use a large number of new training programs. The skills that a student obtains while studying can be used in most modern professions, including accounting, marketing, management, and many more. Some schools offer free laptops or iPad for the period of study, which helps to overcome the lack of relevant technology.

The on-going online courses promote career development and are an excellent addition to the resume. The flexibility of online learning allows the student to combine studying and work quite easy. For any employer, it is important that the employee is able to acquire new skills and knowledge. The educational level in any field which you can get online will be valued as a traditional one because it is your competence, which is eventually the indicator of your educational level. Thus, you can quickly be promoted due to having online courses at a prestigious university, since for your employer, you will be the first candidate for a new position.

Learning online reduces your expenses. It is known that online courses are at times cheaper than traditional, which makes the student consider them. Some universities offer financial assistance to students for tuition fees, which also have to be taken into account. There are also absolutely free platforms, and some of them are no worse than their paid prototypes.

The Ukrainian educational platform *Prometheus* offers free online courses in all areas, including programming, psychology, exams, and even courses for future mothers; The training takes place in a few weeks, combining lectures, practical tasks, exam and further recommendations; at the end of the course, a free certificate is provided [2].

FutureLearn is a digital education platform founded in December 2012. It is a Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) learning platform. The launch was described as a move to 'fight back' and provide a space for UK institutions to engage in the MOOC space. According to Financial Times, *FutureLearn* was the first platform to enable students to earn credits towards a degree from a top UK university from their tablets and smartphones, 2016 [3]. *FutureLearn's* courses span a broad range of topics, which are now available to people anywhere in the world for free, you may only pay for the certificate of the course completion.

There are many other online platforms that provide skilled student training. Some online courses do not have certificates, but they are also useful for personal development and the development of new skills in any field.

Online training is a challenging but extremely useful way to achieve a variety of skills. Being initially criticized, today online education is becoming a viable tool in getting the appropriate qualification. Online courses are available in almost all

directions and their number increases every year. There is an increase in the number of students who change traditional training in online teaching for a number of reasons. Online education allows you to study at universities abroad without leaving your home.

Online learning is part of modern progress, which is far ahead of time and enables the student to develop themselves in the areas previously unavailable.

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